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SUBJ: CRITICISM OF U.S. POLICY IN MAJOR AFRICAN MAGAZINE

1. WEEKLY REVIEW, EAST AFRICA'S MOST INFLUENTIAL MAGAZINE WITH REPUTATION FOR POLITICAL ASTUTENESS (PUBLISHED BY HARVARD PH.D. HILARY NG'WENO), CARRIED BITING COVER STORY HIGHLY CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD AFRICA OVER THE YEARS, PARTICULARLY ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, ANGOLA, PAUCITY OF FOREIGN AID AND GENERAL AMERICAN LACK OF CONCERN FOR ISSUES VITAL TO AFRICA.

2. COPY OF FULL TEXT COMING VIA OM BUT TRANSMITTING HIGHLIGHTS TO PROVIDE WHAT MUST BE VIEWED, WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, AS REASONED AFRICAN THINKING VIS-A-VIS U.S.

3. "WASHINGTON'S AFRICA POLICY IS A PRODUCT OF COLD WAR POLICIES EXEMPLIFIED BY JOHN FOSTER DULLES WHO SAW WORLD SIMPLY IN TERMS OF COMMUNISTS AND ANTI-COMMUNISTS. THIRD WORLD ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH A NEUTRALIST POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE TWO MAJOR IDEOLOGICAL CAMPS WERE FROWNED UPON BY DULLES AS AT BEST UNREALISTIC AND AT WORST DANGEROUS TO AMERICAN

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INTERESTS.

4. "JOHNSON WAS TOO BOGGED DOWN IN THE VIETNAM WAR TO PAY ATTENTION TO AFRICA...AFRICA WAS GETTING LOWER AND LOWER IN THE LIST OF POLICY PRIORITIES, AND IT REACHED ROCK BOTTOM WITH THE ELECTION OF NIXON AND APPOINTMENT OF KISSINGER AS SECRETARY OF STATE. NIXON REMAINED A COLD WARRIOR TO THE VERY END...IT IS LITTLE WONDER THAT WHILE NIXON'S SECRETARY OF STATE TROTTED ABOUT THE GLOBE, NOT ONCE IN HIS SEVEN YEARS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT (SIC) HAS HE SET FOOT IN THE CAPITAL OF A BLACK AFRICAN NATION.

5. "WASHINGTON IS COMMITTED TO THE PERPETUATION OF WHITE MINORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. IT IS LITTLE WONDER THAT AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF BENIGN NEGLECT WASHINGTON SHOULD WAKE UP AND FIND ITSELF INVOLVED ON THE WRONG SIDE IN ANGOLA SUPPORTING A LOSING CAUSE.

6. "ANGOLA HAS KNOCKED A BIG HOLE IN THE FOUNDATIONS OF WASHINGTON'S POLICY TOWARD AFRICA. THE MOST PAINFUL EXERCISE WHICH AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY PLANNERS HAVE TO UNDERTAKE IN NEAR FUTURE IS A COMPLETE OVERHAUL OF WASHINGTON'S FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS AFRICA IN THE LIGHT OF THE ANGOLAN CRISIS... THE COMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WILL NOT HELP MATTERS, LET ALONE THE FACT THAT DR. KISSINGER, ONE OF THE MOST UNSYMPATHETIC AMERICAN SECRETARIES OF STATE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE HAD THE MISFORTUNE TO DEAL WITH, WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE PRESIDING OVER THE WHOLE EXERCISE.

7. "INCREDIBLY, THE U.S. SEEMS OBLIVIOUS TO THE FACT THAT THE LIBERATION WAR BEING WAGED IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS MATERIALLY BEING SUPPORTED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE WESTERN POWERS.... THE RECORD OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IS ONE OF SOVIET (AND CHINESE) ASSISTANCE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST REGIMES SUCH AS PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA WHICH HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY WASHINGTON.

8. "ONE AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY PREMISE WHICH HAS PROVED FALSE IS THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO STRADDLE THE BLACK-WHITE ISSUE. ENTRY OF SOUTH AFRICA INTO THE WAR IN ANGOLA HAS CHANGED MATTERS
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ENORMOUSLY. EVEN THE MOST PRO-WESTERN AFRICAN NATIONS WANT SOUTH AFRICA OUT OF ANGOLA AND THEY ARE FINDING IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT WASHINGTON'S PROTESTATIONS OF GOOD INTENTIONS IN AFRICA. WASHINGTON MUST DISASSOCIATE ITSELF EITHER FROM THE WHITE REGIMES OR FROM THE BLACK REGIMES."
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